

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Tools (in the form of apparatus, systems and methods) for hands-free command and control of a dental computer imaging system are provided. A speech recognition unit  
5 converts to electronic speech data a voice command received through a microphone to select for viewing, for a selected dental patient, one of a plurality of dental images stored in a computer storage device. A command and control  
10 processor causes the selected dental image to be retrieved from the storage device and then displayed on a display monitor.